THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) According to the information available with Government, methyl bromide is a broad spectrum pesticide which is used worldwide for soil fumigation (80%), commodity and qurantine treatment (15%) and structural fumigation (5%). Scientific evidence, as reported, indicates that some methyl bromide breaks down into non-volatile substances which do not have emissions. Thus only part of methyl bromide use results in emissions that arise into the stratosphere thereby affecting the ozone layer.

The final report on the impact of methyl bromide on the ozone layer is to be completed by September, 1994 and the situation will be reassessed by the Montreal Protocol Ministerial level meeting in November, 1994.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Under the Montreal Protocol Methyl Bromide is not a controlled substance for developing countries.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Banning Trade in Tiger Bones

*411. SHRI SHIV CHARAN SINGH:

DR. NAUNIHAL SINGH:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering any proposal for banning trade in tiger bones and other parts, of tiger body, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Goverment are considering any proposal for Indo-Chinese protocol for ratification for tiger conservation, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government envisage any problem in the acceptance of this protocol, if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) The trade in tiger bones and other parts of tiger body is already banned in this country.

(b) Yes Sir, to stop the illegal trade in tiger parts and tiger bones and also to engender worldwide publicity for eliminating such consumptive use of tiger products.

(c) No, Sir.

Development Plan for Western Railways

*412. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI:

SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state what are the scheme wise details of Railway Development Plan for Western Railways convering Gujarat, Maharashtra and Rajasthan for the current year and the Eighth Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF):

Details of on going Western Railway works costing Rs. 5 Crores and above in the states of Gujarat, Rajasthan and Maharashtra are as under:

S. No.	Name of the work	Estimated Cost	Allocation 1993-94	Targat Date of completion
	Gujarat			
1.	Nadiad-Modassa & Modassa-Kapadvanj new line (60.5 Km.)	Rs. 30.00 Cr.	Rs. 1,000	Frozen
2.	Godhara-Indore via Dahod, Sardarpur, Dhar and between Dewas-Maksi new Line (316 Km.) (part in Gujarat)	Rs. 297.14 Cr.	Rs. 1.00 Cr.	31-12-96 for Dewas-Maksi portion
3.	Viramgam-Jodhpur direct BG rail link & Bhildi-Viramgam gauge conversion & new line.	Rs. 155.66 Cr.	Rs. 0.33 Cr.	Frozen